

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Ram PANDIT	)	Group Art Unit: 3623
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Application No.: 10/716,476	)	Examiner: Jonathan G. Sterrett
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Filed: November 20, 2003	)	Confirmation No.: 6856
	)	
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR	)	
TOUR OPTIMIZATION	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated June 20, 2008, the Examiner required  
restriction under 37 U.S.C. § 121 between:

- Group I - Claims 1-10, 14-23, 27-36, drawn to optimizing a tour having a first segment, classified in class 705, subclass 7;
- Group II - Claims 11, 24 and 37, drawn to optimizing a plurality of tours with a plurality of segments with optimizing of total cost savings of the first tour, classified in class 705, subclass 7;
- Group III - Claims 12, 25 and 38, drawn to optimizing a plurality of tours with a plurality of segments with optimizing of total cost savings of all tours classified in class 705, subclass 7; and

Group IV - Claims 13, 26 and 39, drawn to scratch optimizing a plurality of loads using a load pool, classified in class 705, subclass 7.

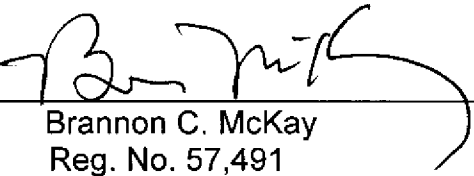
Applicants provisionally elect without traverse to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-10, 14-23, 27-36, drawn to optimizing a tour having a first segment, classified in class 705, subclass 7.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 18, 2008

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